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SUBJECT: UN PROGRAM BUDGET - NATURAL DISASTERS

1. DURING CALL ON USYG DAVIDSON AUG 4 ON OTHER MATTERS, DAVIDSON TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS TO MISOFFS HIS PERSONAL DISPLEASURE OVER DEVELOPMENTS IN UNDRO, EXPECIALLY LACK OF LEADERSHIP AND DIRECTION BY BERKOL. DAVIDSON ADDED THAT PROBLEM OF UNDRO STAFFING REMAINED UNRESOLVED WHICH CONTINUED TO ADVERSELY AFFECT PROGRAM.

2. DAVIDSON THEN EXPRESSED CONSTERNATION OVER MANNER IN WHICH UNDRO ITEM IN ECOSOC BEING HANDLED BY BERKOL, ADDING THAT BERKOL'S PREOCCUPATION WAS WITH GETTING UNDRO'S FULL COSTS TRANSFERRED TO UN REGULAR BUDGET. ADDING THAT USDEL AT ECOSOC APPEARED TO BE SUPPORTIVE OF BERKOL'S EFFORTS, DAVIDSON SAID THAT IF THIS WAS USG POLICY THEN CREDIBILITY OF US IN URGING BUDGET RESTRAINT IN UN WOULD BE SERIOUSLY COMPROMISED. FOR HIS PART, DAVIDSON SAID HE WAS INTENT ON RESISTING EFFORTS TO FUND FULLY UNDRO OUT OF UN REGULAR BUDGET, HE PERSONNALLY HAD SO INFORMED BERKOL, AND HE WOULD HAVE EXPECTED US ALSO TO BE OPPOSED.

3. IN RHETORICAL ASIDE DAVIDSON, IN VOICE OF DESPAIR, INTIMATED THAT HIS ENERGY AND PATIENCE WERE NEARLY EXHAUSTED
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IN ATTEMPTING TO MINIMIZE UN EXPENDITURES WHEN THOSE GOVERN-

MENTS MOST INSISTENT ON THIS WERE UNABLE OR UNWILLING TO TAKE
DECISIONS CONSISTENT WITH THIS OBJECTIVE.

4. MISOFF REITERATED TO DAVIDSON US DESIRE TO HOLD DOWN UN
EXPENDITURES AND ADDED THAT HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT POSITION
AT ECOSOC ON UNDRO ITEM WAS NOT INCONSISTENT WITH THIS POLICY.

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